NORTHGATE LINK EXTENSION

Construction Mitigation

FACT SHEET

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Easing the impacts of construction

Major construction can be disruptive to a neighborhood, which is why Sound Transit is committed to being a good neighbor during construction of its projects.

Minimize construction impacts

We have developed a set of standard requirements that all of our project teams adhere to when working in your neighborhood.

Keep the site clean

- Wash wheels of trucks before they exit site
- Sweep streets adjacent to site regularly
- Cover truck loads
- Remove litter
- Promptly remove graffiti
- Dampen material during demolition to reduce dust
- Cover piles of dirt or spoils
- Fence all construction sites

Minimize noise impacts

- Build solid construction wall around site to shield neighbors from noise*
- Shroud stationary equipment to muffle noise
- Vehicles use broadband back up alarms instead of beeping alarms
- Limit vehicle idling to 5 minutes
- Keep vehicles in good working condition

Example of a wheel wash

Maintain a safe and secure worksite

- Light adjacent sidewalks and walkways for safety and security purposes*
- Employ flaggers where trucks enter the street
- Fence all construction sites

Minimize lighting impacts

- Shroud lights and point them away from residential properties*

Maintain access to homes and businesses

- Maintain access to driveways, alleys, and loading zones whenever possible
- Contractor provides parking for its employees (no street parking)
- Provide customized wayfinding signage for businesses

Minimize parking impacts

- Contractor workers not allowed to park on city streets.

Maintain an attractive construction wall

- Work with artists, historians, and others to transform construction walls into attractions.

* Not applicable during demolition work

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Be responsive

Sound Transit has a 24-hour construction hotline (888-298-2395) and dedicated Community Outreach staff. Community Outreach staff notify neighboring residents and businesses of upcoming work and are available to address issues as they arise.

Promote business in the neighborhood

Sound Transit works with local businesses to develop a customized plan to promote the neighborhood and attract customers during construction.

Who participates?

Sound Transit focuses on helping those businesses experiencing impacts from our construction – blocked access, increased dust and noise, less visibility, etc.

We recognize that the perception of construction may discourage some people from visiting the business district, so we also work to attract visitors and generate activity in the neighborhood as a whole.

What kinds of things are typically included?

A mitigation program for businesses is unique to each individual community. Plans are developed with specific impacts and the individual character of the neighborhood in mind. Typical elements of a business mitigation program include signage, advertising in print or online media, and support for community events to attract visitors.

Street banners near Sound Transit's light rail construction site on Capitol Hill in Seattle.

For more information about Sound Transit's construction mitigation, contact us at northlink@soundtransit.org.